

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 2 Week 1

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome back to everyone for Term Two. This is always a very busy term with winter sports getting underway fully and a number of outings and visitors timetabled.

Later this term we will continue on with our reporting regime: initially you will receive a written report that will report on your child's achievements against National Standards. This year's report will also have a section where the teacher can comment on the general achievement and attitude of your child. This written report will be supported by an interview. The interview will give a chance for the teacher to let you know how your child is doing in all curriculum areas but also it will give you a chance to ask any questions that you have.

Most studies show that for a child to achieve academically there needs to be a mutually supportive relationship between home and school.

This doesn't mean formal teaching needs to be done at home but it does mean that school based learning needs to be supported at home. It also means that we need to acknowledge that a lot of important teaching and learning takes place in the home or out of the school environment. This can be attitude and values learning but it can also be the learning that takes place just by talking to your child, reading to them at night, watching and discussing a documentary with them.

To further support the home and school partnership we will be holding an evening where we will outline the homework policy of our school, what our expectations are and give ideas on how to make learning at home fun. It would be great to see you there, please remember that we all want what is best for our pupils and working smarter together is the way to achieve the very best results.

**Have a great term.
Mike Brosnahan**

New Entrants

Welcome to Room 1, new entrants Joshua Munro and Johanna O'Neill.



Golf Lessons with Melanie Harper



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Uniform

Winter Options available for Terms 2 and 3

Girls: White or Navy skivvy for winter
Long sleeve white blouse
Navy tights or tracksuit pants (plain)
Royal Blue polar fleece - for outdoors only, this is not to replace the jersey.

Boys: Grey Long sleeve shirt or Navy skivvy
Winter grey shorts
Navy Blue track suit pants (plain)
Royal Blue polar fleece - for outdoors only, this is not to replace the jersey.

It is acknowledged by the Board of Trustees that from time to time items of uniform will not be able to be worn, for reasons of repair etc. This is understood but a **note** explaining the reasons for this happening and the time frame is required.

Looking Ahead Term 1

May

3rd PTA Meeting 7pm
5th Visiting Performer Bob Bickerton
6th Easter Mass at Holy Cross College 9.10am
6th Room 6 & 7 to Kavanagh production 'Grease'
11th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
12th Parent Meeting for Confirmation 7pm Parish
13th Room 5 singing at Mosgiel Library 11.30am
18th Targeted Home Support Meeting
27th Vaughan Hook will be ordained a Deacon in the Gore Catholic Church 7pm.

June

3rd Reports go home
8/9th Parent Interviews

Term One Invoices

If you wish to pay by internet banking or set up an automatic payment the school bank account number is **03 1725 0028136 00**.
The concert on your Term 1 account will be held at the beginning of Term 2 (5th May).

A thought for the week...

"Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance".
— Samuel Johnson

Winter Sports

Hockey starts on Saturday 14th May

Netball—

Junior Netball Years 5-8 starts this weekend with grading games.

Future Ferns Netball Year 3-4 starts on 14th May.

Netball uniforms will be given out on Wednesday.

Miniball— starts Yr 3/4 on Monday 9th May

Year 5/6 Tuesday 10th May.

Basketball—Yr 7/8 starts on 9th May.

Draws will be emailed out as they come through, and placed on the noticeboard in the school foyer.

Religious Education – Holy Spirit Strand

All classes are now working on the Holy Spirit Strand.

Years 0-1 are learning that the Holy Spirit is God – the third person of the Holy Trinity. Family-Whanau Book pg 18.

Year 2 are learning that the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church through prayer and the Eucharist. Family-Whanau book pg 21

Year 3 are learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Family-Whanau book pg 24.

Year 4 are learning that through the Holy Spirit Jesus fulfilled his promise to be with his followers through Church, Word and Sacrament. Family-Whanau book pg 27.

Year 5 will focus on the titles and symbols of the Holy Spirit. Family-Whanau book pg 30.

Year 6 have Baptism and the Holy Spirit as their focus. Family-Whanau pg 33.

Year 7 are learning that from the scriptures we learn of the role of the Holy Spirit. Family-Whanau book page 36.

Year 8 will focus on the Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world. Family-Whanau book page 38b.